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Office northwest corner Pennsylvania avenue and 17th street, Washington City, D. C. STATEMENT OF BUSINESS FROM THE 1ST day of August to the 31st day of December, Am sunt received is marine premiums.. \$68,242 31

fire premiums..... 39,938 82 Total premiums for five months...... 108,151 13

Capital 1,250,000 00 59,950 00 Loans on first mortgage of real estate .. Do stocks, collateral

Cash in bank and on hand 11,092 22 Capital subscribed......1,047,700 00 Premium notes, not matured...... 66 387 31 Due from agents (secured by bonds) ... 18,853 61 Expenses and commissions.... 1,358,151 13 Total amount of losses reported to 1st January, 1856:

Fire......\$1,686 66

Marine..... 3,000 00

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31,856 30

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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1856.

NO. 1,071.

a century, and has slumbered in some forgot-

ten nook for sixty years more. The ledger

appears to have been kept originally for a

small grocery and dry goods store, like many

of our present country stores. On a fly leaf

is written, "Ann Chandler's Ledger A, begun

July 4th, 1737," and underneath, " Thomas

Paschall, 1747. The latter appears to have

greatly enlarged the business of his prede-

cessor, keeping besides groceries and dry

goods, a large stock of hardware, hats, furs,

&c., shipping the latter to some extent, and

Although it would appear from the inscrip-

tion on the fly leaf that the ledger was opened

in 1737, yet the accounts actually commence

in 1730 The entries previous to the former

date are in a different handwriting from those

of the subsequent date, but who was the ori-

ginal proprietor of the store whose transac-

The chief interest which attaches to this old

relic of the business transactions of by-gone

days, is the fact that it contains an account

against the statesman and philosopher, Ben-

jamin Franklin. Extending over a series of

years, and embracing the recorded purchase

of articles for the every day use of his family

this old account possesses more than ordinary

interest. The account commences with the

year of Franklin's marriage, 1730, and ex-

tends down to the year 1850-1. The first en-

try is in October of the former year, the day

not being mentioned, and probably comprised

the purchases of the previous month, as no

care seems to have been taken in making en-

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, DR.

To 4 yds of Caddis 8d; to 42 yds do 7d..1.3

To a loaf of Sugar wt 71b & a 2s15.0

To 11b of Sugar 6d; & 11b do. 6...........10.0

gar 7d; to 1 lb of Cotton 1s 4d 3.3

} of sinimon 3d......10 11

to pay 1s 6d; to 1 lb Loaf Sugar 2s 41 6 1

To ; yd of Flannel 1s 5d; to 1 of Calico

To 1 yd of Linen 1s 4d; ferret and Su-

To 4 yds of Red Quality Binding 12; to

To 62 lbs. of Sugar 2s 9d; and cash left

Franklin says of this period of his life:

in vaine

was never paid.

1747-8

royalists.

He that would thrive must ask his wife.

1741 (no month and day given) we have a

Some of the items in the account against

charge for four China bowls 1s. and 31. each.

Franklin are curious. Thus we have Sept.

1773, "To 1 yd of Garlix, 1s. 10" Under

March 1, 1834, "To f of black Perssion 5s.

28, of the same year, Franklin is charged

uary 12. 1743, "To Sundrys d d to Elener

The last entries in the account are as fol-

Feb. 18-To a Beaver Hatt for his son. £2 5s.

old Hatt....

3-To a Beaver Hatt for himself 2 0s.

Son, 2s..... 2 2s.

dressing an old Hatt for his

April 20-To dressing and Lineing an

" 20-To a Beaver Hatt 40s., and

Dec. 23-To a Hatt for his Son William 2 0s.

Feb. 11-To 1 Hatt do 2 0s.

"His son, William," was afterwards the

royal Governor of New Jersey, and became estranged from his father by political differ-ences, he having espoused the cause of the

We are sorry to have to record the fact that

Franklin, notwithstarding the wisdom of his maxims in "Poor Richard's Almanac" against

running in debt, paying as one goes, &c., was

not himself a prompt paymaster. The footing up of the first folio of the account in 1731

shows a balance against him of over £2 The

second folio in 1736 shows a balance of £9.

At the foot of the third folio in 1740, the bal-

ance had increased to £26. The fourth folio,

in 1743, shows a balance of £31, and the ac-

count does not appear to have been balanced, leaving off in 1750-I with an indebtedness, on

the part of Franklin, of £26. A small por-

the same date we have "starch and blue 5d.

tions are here recorded, does not appear.

importing, underwriting on vessels, &c.

OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 28, 1856. Notice is hereby given to the holders of the stock issued pursuant to the act of Congress of 22d July, 1846, that such stock is redeemable by its terms, and will be paid at the Treasury on the surrender of the certificates thereof, on the 12th of November next, when interest thereon will

This department will continue to purchase such stock prior to said day of redemption, and will pay therefor the following premium, in addition to the interest accrued to the day of purchase, with one day's interest for the money to reach the vendor:

On such stock received at the Treasury between the 1st day of June and the 31st day of July, in clusive, one-half of one per cent. on the amounts specified in the certificates;

On such stock received between the 1st and 31st days of August, one-fourth of one per cent; And on such stock received after the 31st day of August, the interest accrued thereon, and one day's additional interest only, will be paid.

Certificates of such stock transmitted under this notice must be duly assigned to the United States by the party entitled to receive the purchase money; and when sent prior to the 1st July the current half year's interest mu t also be assigned by the present stockholder, otherwise such interest will be payable as heretofore.

And notice is further given to holders of other stocks of the United States that this department will purchase the same between the 1st day of June and the 1st day of December next, unless the sum of \$1,500,000 shall be previously obtained. and will pay for the same, in addition to the interest accrued from the day of the last dividend of interest, and one day's additional interest for the money to reach the vendor, the following rates of premium:

On stock of the loan of 1842, a premium of 10 On stock of the loans of 1847 and 1848 a premium

And on stock issued under the act of 9th September, 1850, commonly called Texan indemnity stock, a premium of 6 per cent.

of 16 per cent .;

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Jacob Kingley.

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I. O. R. M.

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je 3,5,7,9,11,12,14,15-8t

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Metallic Life-Boats.

[From the London Post of June 19.] On Thursday, a numerous party of scientific gentlemen assembled at the outer-basin of Woolwich Dockyard, for the purpose of witnessing a thorough trial of the admirable inventions of Mr. Joseph Francis, who has pat ented his metallic boats and army wagons. Among the party present we noticed several members of the select committee, among whom were Col. A. Tulloh, Royal Artillery, director of the Royal Carriage Department of Wool wich Arsenal; Col. Sandham, Royal Engineers, Commandant at Chatham ; Capt. Clerk, Royal Artillery; and Major Vincent Eyre, F. R. G S., Bengal Artillery, together with

many American gentlemen of known skill. It is hardly necessary for us to enter into details of any great length, as it must be a matter generally known to the scientific world after he successful trial which his inventions were submitted to in the presence of the Emperor of the French on the waters of the Seine. On those occasions the Emperor was so satisfied with the superiority of these boats over those in use in the Imperial navy, that he has directed an establishment to be set in operation immediately for the manufacture of them for the French navy, as well as for supplying the wants of the mercantile marine.

The occasion also gave an opportunity of Mr. Francis receiving a token of the high esteem and appreciation of his Imperial Majesty of the practical utility of his inventions. The gift was a massive gold snuff-box.

tries in the ledger to give the exact dates of The peculiarities of these boats are their the different transactions. September, 1730, being much lighter, much stronger, more lastwas the first month of Franklin's marriage, and we obtain from the earlier entries in this ing, more easily managed, requires less relger, some idea of the economical scale on | pairs, are fire-proof, worm-proof, water-proof. which his domestic arrangements were conwill not corrode or rot, are always tight and ready for service in any climate; they never become saturated with water, and with all The following are the first entries, verbatim these advantages, must be decidedly far suet literatim, under date of October, (without perior to wooden boats. It has been stated that " while the wooden boat or wagon deteriorates by disuse or age, the metallic body To 11b of Tea 4s. 4d; a nutmeg 4d.......4.8 actually improves, because the paint upon it To 11b of Sugar 6d; to 3 yds Caddis 6d ... 81 becomes harder by exposure to the weather, and thus contributes more perfectly for its

To 3ib of Sugar 1s 6d, left to pay 13s 8.d15 2 These qualities were, on Thursday morning, submitted to the test, which commenced by parties of men being selected to fill the boats, 1s 5½d..... 2.0½ To a piece of Diaper a 1s per yd......14 9 according to the directions of Mr. Francis. The boats being full, the depth in water was ascertained, and the men afterwards weighed in order to try the burthen she could carry, An ordinary service boat, new for the occasion, was also tried in the same manner to test the difference in regard of superiority. Several trials of this description having been made, It will be evident by an inspection of the a number of men stood on the gunwale to try above account that the household of Franklin to capsize them, but without effect. These was conducted upon a most frugal scale. The experiments were all pronounced to be perfectitem of sugar, bowever, figures largely in the ly successful. The boats were then rowed account, and compared with the small quanround to the opposite side of the basin, and tities of other articles purchased, indicates another series of experiments commenced. A that there must have been sweet teeth to be 10-oared whaleboat was manned with a full filled in his family. In his autobiography crew of ten men and a coxswain who, at a given signal, rowed the boat with all the uni-"We have an English proverb that says ted force they could muster against the stonework of the basin wall, which had the effect It was lucky for me that I had one as much of causing a slight indentation in her bows, disposed to industry and frugality as myself. but not causing the slighest leakage, and the She assisted me cheerfully in my business, boat kept on the water as steadily as though folding and stitching pamphlets, tending shop, nothing had occurred. This was again repurchasing old linen rags for the paper mapeated by the same crew without the slightest kers, etc. We kept no idle servants, our tainjury further than the mere indentation A ble was plain and simple, our furniture of the 15 feet gig was next submitted to a most violent cheapest. For instance, my breakfast was trial by being lifted up and tossed over and for a long time bread and milk, (no tea) and I over on the stone pavement of the basin wharf eat it out of a two penny earthen porringer by about thirty-six men, who kept her in mowith a pewter spoon. But mark how luxury tion until Mr. Rice expressed himself perfectly will enter families and make a progress in satisfied that if the boat would stand that spite of principle. Being called one morning there was no question but she would stand all to breakfast I found it in a china bowl with a the ordinary usages. The same boat was next spoon of silver. They had been bought for taken under the crane, and there filled with me without my knowledge by my wife and large blocks of stones-placed amidshipshad cost her the enormous sum of three and then hoisted up by tackles, head and stern, to twenty shillings; for which she had no other try if there was any possibility of causing her excuse or apology to make but that she to double; but this produced not the slightest thought her husband deserved a silver spoon effect on her, except one or two slight indentaand china bowl as well as any of his neighbors. This was the first appearance of plate tions. She was then launched into the water, and five men got in and rowed her several and china in our house, which afterwards, in times against the stone pier; but no damage course of years, as our wealth increased, augcould be done to her, nor cause her to leak mented gradually to several hundred pounds A boat of much smaller dimensions was rext submitted to a rough experiment on the stone However great a luxury a China bowl may wharf. Two men were put in her, and orderhave been at this period of Franklin's matried to keep her thumping from side to side on monial career, it is evident that they had bethe rough stones, with such violence that an come more common a few years later. Under

in her and rowed round the basin-the boat showing that housewifes used bluing for their remaining perfectly water-tight. starched clothes in those days as at present. The last experiment was with one of Mr. Francis's military floating metallic wagons, 4d; to lyd. of Quillity 5d. '-articles of dry which is a wagon of the ordinary shape; its rungoods which probably go by some other name ning gear being made of wood, and of the same in these days. Under date of 1736 we have construction as these already in use; but the 'To a pair of Nee bands. 1s. 8d." July 12, body is made perectly water-tight, and of the same year, "To a paper of pins Is." In material as the boats are made of-corrugated April, 1740, there is a charge "To making a galvanised iron. The body is secured to the Whood for Debby, 1s." The Debby, thus farunning gear be means of two pins. Previous miliarly spoken of, was Franklin's wife. May to the wagon being lowered Mr Francis procured a very large hammer, and commenced "To sundrys d'd to Sary the Maid, 9s 5d." Again, 1842, "To a Fan to Debby, 2s." Jan- striking the metal with all his force, but could make no defective appearance. The resisting power astonished all present. The complete Schull, 7s." Nov. 1, 1746, "To sundry d'd to Eliz Woodard, 3s. 6d." The two individwagon was hoisted from the wharf, and then seven laborers and Mr. Francis got into the uals last mentioned were probably domestics wagon, and were lowered into the water. or visitors in Franklin's family. There is a Attempts were made to upset the wagon, but separa'e account in the ledger against Elizawithout effect The upper edge of the wagbeth Woodard, which we are sorry to say of on could not be brought under water. The one so intimately associated with Franklin, next trial was with the body alone, the running gear having been previously detached on the wharf, and the same got into it, and commenced rolling it, but could not bring it under water. Two oars were next put into the wagon-boat, and the men rowed her backwards and forwards from one side of the basin to the other. This completed this series of experiments, which were decidedly successful.
The unfavorable state of the weather prevented the Lords of the Admiralty from being

ordinary boat would have gone to pieces from

it. Mr. Francis, to further demonstrate the

superiority of his metallic boats, stood on one

end, and threw it down on the stone many

times without injury. The same boat was

then thrown into the water, and four men got

A CORPSE DRIVING A SPAN OF HORSES .-The Janesville (Wis) Free Press, of the 19th ult., states that as Dr. Evans, of Evansville, was returning home from Jaynesville on Thursday of the week previous, he met a span of horses attached to a wagon loaded with produce, and the owner, William Smith, a corpse, although sitting erect and holding the reins. The Doctor stopped the team and had Mr. Smith immediately carried to a house, but life was extinct. It seems he had been sick for some time with dyspepsia, and probably died of disease of the heart. He leaves a family to lament his sudden death.

present at the trials, but the dockyard officials

were there to represent their lordships.

widow, my son," said an anxious parent to his heir, "select one whose first husband was hung; that is the only way to prevent her throwing his memory in your face, and mation of the amount due appears to have been paid from time to time in goods, partly from bachelor: "she ll then praise him, and say singular character for printer to have in his hanging would be too good for you."

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Experimental Trial of Mr. Francis's Patent